B
est-selling author and three-
time Pulitzer Prize-winning
New York Times columnist
Thomas Friedman will
discuss globalization in a speech at
Auburn next week.

Friedman, author of “The World is
Flat,” will speak at 4 p.m. Tuesday,
Oct. 2, at Beard-Eaves-Memorial Coli-
seum as part of the Littleton-Franklin Lecture Series.

Merchant Capital, a Montgomery-based investment
company, is co-sponsoring the public lecture.

A nonfiction best-seller, “The World is Flat” ex-
amines international trade and economic trends for
the 21st century. In the book and frequently in his
New York Times columns, Friedman discusses rapid
worldwide economic and social changes since the
mid-1990s. In these reports, he frequently examines
the impact of easing political and trade barriers and
expanding communications technologies on national
and global commerce.

In his previous book, “The World in the Age of
Terrorism,” Friedman provided a perspective on the
Middle East through personal encounters with many
of the region’s business and government leaders,
leading thinkers and average citizens following the
9-11 terrorist attacks on the United States. An earlier
book, “The Lexus and the Olive Tree,” about global-
ization, was also a best-seller.

Friedman won his third Pulitzer in 2002 for op-ed
columns he wrote for The New York Times in the
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Weaver retires after 47 years at AU on faculty of College of Education

Andrew M. Weaver retired at the end of August after 47 years as a faculty member in AU’s College of Education. As an AU faculty member, he held the positions of professor, coordinator for graduate programs, and director of the Center for Economic Education, head of the Department of Curriculum and Teaching, and associate dean for the College of Education.

“Andy Weaver epitomizes commitment and love for education,” said College of Education Dean Frank Kochan. “He always puts students first and was always there for them, and he also encouraged and mentored many younger faculty members in our college. He had a total commitment to the students, the college and the university.”

Weaver’s specialty was science education, which he had taught since 1960. He was the major professor for 63 doctoral students, and in 2004 he was named the Outstanding Faculty Award for Outreach in the College of Education. The Auburn professor’s contributions to education extended beyond the classroom, and he worked on several regional and statewide projects to improve the quality of education in Alabama. Among his major contributions at the state level, he advised the governor’s staff and legislators in developing education reform legislation in 1984.

Before joining the AU faculty, Weaver taught at Park Junior High School, where he began his professional career in 1954, and then East High School, both in Halesville. For 38 of his 47 years at Auburn, Weaver had offices in Haley Center, where he was one of the first professors to have an office in the building when it was completed in 1969. His years at AU encompass the tenures of nine presidents of the university.

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aftermath of the 9-11 attacks. Variety Fair has called him “the country’s best newspaper columnist,” and U.S. News and World Report has included him in a list of “America’s Best Leaders.”

Since joining The Times in 1981, Friedman has served as Beirut bureau chief, Israel bureau chief, and executive editor. His other credits include author of “Truth in the Trenches,” on the Gulf War, and “The Life and Work of Philip Henry Gosse,” early 19th century naturalist and artist.

Famous citizens help AU center promote reading

What do American Idol Taylor Hicks, Pulitzer Prize-winning Cynthia Tucker, Atlanta Braves pitcher Tim Hudson and “Heroes” television actress Ashley Crow have in common? They love to read. And they love to encourage others to read. These notable Alabamians and fellow AU students Philip Smith and Kaylin Stephens. The department’s display was one of many at AU units and vendors in Haley Center last week showing opportunities for foreign study during International Education’s Study Abroad Fair.

Upcoming Events

Continuing

ART EXHIBIT “Faces and Stories: A Portrait of Southern Writers,” portraits by Finland-based photographer Curt Richter, Julie Collins Smith Museum, through Nov. 30

Tuesday, September 25

PUBLIC LECTURE Attorney Cole Thaler, an authority on transgen- der rights, 7 p.m., Haley 2370, sponsored by Spectrum Alliance, Auburn Gay/Straight Alliance, the Women’s Studies Program and the Multicultural Center

Thursday, September 27

FACULTY RECITAL Bill Schaffer on horn, selections from Beethoven and others, 7:30 p.m., Goodwin Recital Hall

THEATRE “Deadwood Dick or The Game of Gold,” 7:30 p.m., Telfair Poet Theatre; also Friday and Saturday; Box Office 844-4154

Sunday, September 30

THEATRE “Deadwood Dick or The Game of Gold,” 2:30 p.m., Telfair Poet Theatre; Box Office 844-4154

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Tuesday, October 2

MEETING University Senate, 3 p.m., auditorium, Broun Hall

LITTLETON-FRANKLIN LECTURE Thomas Friedman, New York Times columnist and author of “The World is Flat,” 4 p.m., Coliseum

THEATRE “Deadwood Dick or The Game of Gold,” 7:30 p.m., Telfair Poet Theatre; also Wednesday-Friday; box office 844-4154

Thursday, October 4

PUBLIC LECTURE “Global Warming: What do the Numbers Show?” John R. Christy of the Earth System Science Center, University of Alabama in Huntsville, noon, Room 1101, Forestry and Wildlife Sciences Building

DISCOVER AUBURN LECTURE “The Life and Work of Philip Henry Gosse,” early 19th century naturalist and artist, Entomology Professor Gary Mullen, 3 p.m., Special Collections and Archives, Draughon Library

President at A&P Assembly

In his first visit to the Auburn University Professional Assembly last week, new AU President Jay Gogue discussed likely issues for consideration in the university’s strategic plan. Responding to questions, he also said the university will take a fresh look at the possibility of adding parking decks and providing day care for children of employees and students.

Mullen to discuss naturalist-artist’s Alabama work

Entomology Professor Gary Mullen of the College of Agriculture, will speak on the life and work of 19th-century naturalist and artist Philip Henry Gosse at 3 p.m. Oct. 4, in the Special Collections and Archives Department of Draughon Library.

Mullen’s presentation is part of the Discover Auburn series, which features programs on university research, history and other topics of local interest. The series is sponsored by AU Libraries, Caroline Marshall Draughon Center for the Arts and Humanities and the AU Bookstore.

While a young man, Gosse, a native of England, was lured to the Alabama frontier in the 1830s by the prospects of collecting new and interesting insects and viewing the biologically rich Southern frontier. During his travels in the state, Gosse spent a brief but formative period in Dallas County, where he studied and illustrated the insects and flora of the Black Belt.

On Nov. 7, The final Discover Auburn program of fall semester will feature a discussion by Lynn Williams on Alabama printmakers.

For more information on the program and the series, contact the Caroline Marshall Draughon Center at 844-9496.
Book presents views of violence, its predictors, effects, prevention

Ever wonder why the world seems so violent or what can be done to reduce the violence? Those are some of the questions an Auburn professor, two co-editors and approximately 65 other writers address in a comprehensive study of violence released this month by Cambridge University Press.

“The Cambridge Handbook of Violent Behavior and Aggression” is not a how-to manual for either criminals or police officers. Instead, the 840-page book brings together insights from many of the leading academic experts in research and theory of how violent behavior develops, presents itself and can be prevented or constrained.

AU College of Human Sciences Professor Alexander Vazsonyi and co-editors Daniel Flannery of Kent State University and Irwin Waldman of Emory University spent four years writing and assembling articles from more than five dozen other international scholars and professionals who are experts in various aspects of violent behavior.

Vazsonyi, who is also editor of The Journal of Early Adolescence, said the new book provides a comprehensive examination of current research, theory and policy in fields related to understanding and preventing violent behavior.

“This is not an effort to come up with a silver bullet for violent behavior,” said Vazsonyi, who noted that different circumstances require different approaches. He said the book will prove most helpful to researchers and academics in human development, criminology, sociology, psychology and public health, as well as graduate students, policy makers and others involved in the study, treatment and prevention of violent behavior.

The book’s 41 chapters encompass seven broad areas in examining and discussing violent behavior. These areas include general perspectives; biological bases of violence; individual and interpersonal factors; the contexts of violent behavior; methods of study; and trends and predictions.

The articles also look at violence involving individuals, families, neighborhoods and broader population groups and offer perspectives on treatment, justice, education and public health. For instance, the writers examine the motivations and actions of perpetrators of violence, including gang members and terrorists, and the response of victims, including individuals, families and communities.

Nursery association honors AU professor

Gary Keever of the AU College of Agriculture recently received a major award for his research in ornamental horticulture from the Southern Nursery Association.

A professor in the college’s Department of Horticulture, Keever received the Porter Henegar Award in Atlanta at the association’s annual research conference.

Keever, who holds a Ph. D. in ornamental horticulture from Cornell University, has been a member of the AU faculty since 1982. His research, which has resulted in hundreds of published articles, includes work with plant growth regulation of ornamental shrubs, non-traditional uses of woody plants and evaluations of new and promising azalea cultivars.

Downer reappointed to state council for online resources

Sheri Downer, coordinator of educational media and technology in the AU College of Education, has been reappointed by the Alabama Commission on Higher Education to serve on the Alabama Virtual Library Council.

She has also been elected to the position of chair-elect for 2008-09.

The Alabama Virtual Library provides students, teachers and citizens of Alabama with online access to information resources through databases containing magazine, journal and newspaper articles for research.

CopyCat receives industry awards

CopyCat, Auburn’s full-service quick-copy center, has received two 2007 In-Print awards for excellence in printing and duplication.

The AU unit received the awards this summer from the In-Plant Printing and Mailing Association and In-Plant Graphics magazine, at IPMA’s annual educational conference.

CopyCat won two silver awards. In the category of non-offset fliers, CopyCat won for the College of Human Sciences, Women’s Philanthropy Board flier. In the category of non-offset greeting cards or programs, CopyCat won for the Holiday Open House Invitation.

In-Plant is the only printing contest exclusively for in-house printers. CopyCat has won a total of five awards during the last three years for its printing quality. All universities and companies throughout the United States with in-house printing departments are eligible to enter. Judges selected 88 winners from 550 entries in 46 categories during the competition.

CopyCat is in Foy Union off the Foy Patio. For more information, call 844-4213 or visit www.auburn.edu/copycat.